

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 2  
THIRD QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES  
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville,  
Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa,  
Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 2 during third quarter 2003 was 375,918, a decrease of 0.9% from the second quarter 2003, and an increase of 0.5% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in seven of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 4.9% was found both in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; and arts, entertainment, and recreation sectors.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2003, second quarter 2003, third quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 24. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 2 with 46,861 employees, or 12.5% of total employment. East Baton Rouge was the leading parish with 241,761 employees, or 64.3% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.5% from the same period in 2002, and decreased by 2.1% from the second quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$582.20. Iberville parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$744.67.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 2 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 2" beginning on page 27.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Ascension	\$ 613.32
East Baton Rouge	607.51
East Feliciana	488.32
Iberville	744.67
Livingston	445.32
Pointe Coupee	425.24
St. Helena	408.51
Tangipahoa	447.81
Washington	460.74
West Baton Rouge	586.17
West Feliciana	697.62

The number of reporting units in RLMA 2 for third quarter 2003 was 22,000

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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